



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of: HYESOOK KIM, et al.

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, Paper No. 5.

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Claims 1-3, 10-13 and 15-16 drawn to a method of measuring the polymerization of proteins and kit containing, classified in 435, subclass 183+;
- Claims 4-9 drawn to a polymerized protein, classified in class 435, subclass 183+;
- Claim 14 drawn to a method of measuring the nitric oxide production of cytochrome c, classified in class 435, subclass 4;
- Claims 17-21 drawn to a method of measuring the amount of oxidized glutathione, classified in class 435, subclass 4;
- Claims 22-28 drawn to a method of administering a reducing agent to a patient, classified in class 514, subclass 18; or

- Claims 29-33 drawn to a reducing agent and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, classified in class 514, subclass 18.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-3, 10-13, and 15-16 and elect cytochrome c, for the more specific selection, for prosecution purposes, with traverse. Applicants hereby conditionally withdraw claims 4-9, 14, 17-33 from prosecution, without prejudice, and request reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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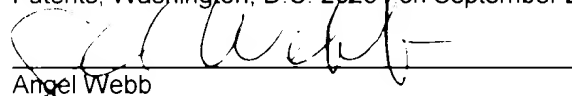


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